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Misuse of Funds By Nixon Staff Bared by GAO

Former President Nixon's White House staff used Central Intelligence Agency money to answer letters and spent its own money without proper receipts, according to an audit report released yesterday.

The General Accounting Office audit was requested by President Ford's counsel, Philip W. Buchen, and was publicly released by Chairman Jack Brooks (D-Tex.) of the House Government Oeprations Committee.

It said the White House transferred \$33,656 from the CIA to pay costs of answering letters after the 1970 Cambodia invasion without getting required congressional approval for the transfer.

The GAO said no annual office equipment inventories were made during Nixon's five years in the White House and said its own inventory showed 58 typewriters worth \$13,000 missing or unaccounted for.

The auditors said many payments were made without proper documentation, such as a \$2,739 check for a dinner party paid only on the basis of a handwritten note.